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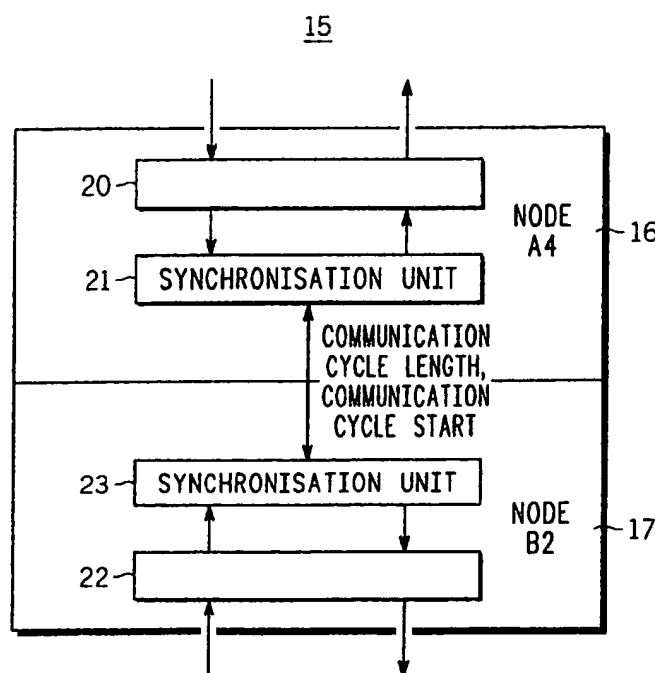
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(57) Abstract: A computer node (16) comprising a synchronisation unit (21) for comparing network timing information for a first network (11) with network timing information for a second network (112) and for communicating to the first network (11) the sign of the difference between the first network timing information and the second network timing information to allow the first network (11) to alter its network timing information using the sign of the difference to allow the network timing difference between the first network (11) and the second network (12) to be reduced.

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